


# National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians

## About the National Registry

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (National Registry) is the non-profit Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Certification organization for the United States. Its mission is to provide a valid, uniform process to assess the knowledge and skills required for competent practice by EMS clinicians throughout their careers, and to maintain a registry of certification status.

Today, more than 500,000 EMS Clinicians are certified by the National Registry, which is recognized in all 50 states as a basis or pathway for EMS licensure. EMS clinicians at the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT) and Paramedic levels work in a variety of capacities throughout the nation as first responders, in hospitals and medical facilities, in schools and colleges, with the police and military and in many other settings.

Learn more about the National Registry online. https://nremt.org/.

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# LEADERSHIP



## W. Scott Gilmore, MD, FACEP, NRP

Board Chair

W. Scott Gilmore, MD, FACEP, EMT-P, has over 20 years of EMS experience as an EMT, Paramedic, and Educator. He is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO, and serves as Medical Director for the Saint Louis Fire Department, a physician for Missouri Disaster Response System and St. Louis Metro USAR Task Force-1, and is on the Advisory Council for Abbott EMS. A member of the National Association of EMS Physicians, Dr. Gilmore chairs its Education Committee and was awarded the 2012 John P. Pryor, MD, Street Medicine Society Award.



## Bill Seifarth, MS, NRP

Chief Executive Officer

Bill Seifarth was appointed by the National Registry Board of Directors to serve as the fifth Executive Director of the National Registry, starting August 24, 2018. A Nationally Registered paramedic and an industry veteran, Seifarth brings more than 20 years of experience to the position, including Emergency Medical Services (EMS) leadership at both the state and federal levels, along with a background of managing several comprehensive certification programs.

## Key Leadership

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# CERTIFICATIONS

## Emergency Medical Responder (EMR)

Provides immediate lifesaving care to critical patients who access the EMS system. EMRs have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide immediate lifesaving interventions while awaiting additional EMS resources. EMRs also provide assistance to higher-level personnel at the scene of emergencies and during transport. EMRs are a vital part of the comprehensive EMS response. Under medical oversight, EMRs perform basic interventions with minimal equipment.

## Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Provides out of hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the EMS system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies. EMTs function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight. EMTs perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance. EMTs are a critical link between the scene of an emergency and the health care system.

## Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)

The primary focus of the AEMT is to provide basic and limited advanced emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. These individuals possess the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. AEMTs function as part of a cohesive EMS response, under medical oversight. AEMTs perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The AEMT is a link from the scene to the emergency health care system.

## National Registered Paramedic (Paramedic)

The paramedic is an allied health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. Paramedics possess the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the National Registry?

The National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians is the nation's emergency medical services (EMS) certification organization. The National Registry is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that maintains the integrity of the EMS profession and protects the public through a nationally accredited, scientifically validated certification process that state regulators, employers, educators and the public can trust to ensure the competency of EMS providers caring for their communities.

### What is the value of National Registry certification?

National Registry certification demonstrates that EMS clinicians have met and continue to meet rigorous national standards. It shows that they have a strong level of competence and are continually learning. It also provides EMS clinicians with more flexibility, often making it easier to find employment and advance their careers.

While each state varies in its recognition of National Registry certification across the four levels of EMS providers (EMR, EMT, AEMT and paramedic), 48 states require National Registry certification for at least one of the levels. National Registry certification also aligns the EMS profession with other health professions in the U.S., most of which have at least one national certifying body.

### What is the history of the National Registry?

The National Registry was established on June 4, 1970, when President Lyndon Johnson's Committee on Highway Traffic Safety recommended the creation of a national certification agency to establish uniform standards for training and examinationination of personnel active in the delivery of emergency ambulance service. Today, over 500,000 individuals are currently Nationally Certified at the EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic level.

### How does the National Registry advance the EMS profession?

A national certifying body is a key element in the development and maturation of the EMS profession as a valuable member of the healthcare community. Its role in ensuring standards of knowledge and education provides a basis for measurement of the profession and its members, similar to those used in other healthcare professions.

### How do states use the National Registry?

The National Registry is recognized in every state in the U.S., and 48 states use our certification as a basis for licensure.

The National Registry partners with states, helping them carry out their duties by certifying and determining the competency of EMS clinicians. With nearly 100 staff members, many of whom are experts in assessments and certification, the National Registry provides states with assurance of EMS competency and eliminates the need for each state to expend resources developing, validating and implementing certification processes.

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The National Registry is recognized by all 50 states as a basis or an accepted pathway for licensure.



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### How are National Registry examinationinations developed?

The National Registry's goal is to ensure that each candidate receives a fair and equitable opportunity to demonstrate his or her knowledge and skills. To maintain this value, the National Registry brings together subject matter experts, including EMRs, EMTs, AEMTs and paramedics, medical directors, educators and state EMS officials to write and review questions and scenarios. There are rigorous procedures in place to review, pilot and analyze questions before they become part of an examination.

The examinationinations are written by EMS clinicians for EMS clinicians. Passing scores and standards are determined by EMS clinicians through a standard-setting experience, not by the National Registry staff. The individuals writing and reviewing items, as well as setting the passing standards for examinations, come from a variety of backgrounds and programs. The National Registry strives to ensure that all groups of subject matter experts are representative of the EMS profession we serve.

### What else does the National Registry do?

The National Registry has contributed to the EMS field for many years, both through its own research department and by working with and supporting researchers from other organizations. This research, on topics ranging from EMS education to clinician burn-out to clinical knowledge, helps to advance our profession and keep patients and providers safe.

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